

ILLINOIS HEALTH CARE FRAUD ELIMINATION TASK FORCE

Public Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

The Health Care Fraud Elimination Task Force met and held a meeting open to the public on September 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the JRTC, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 16-504, Chicago, Illinois 60601. There was a live videoconference feed to the State Capitol located at 207 State House, 2nd Floor, Room 205V, Springfield, Illinois 62706. Individuals also participated via conference call.

The Task Force members in attendance were the Acting Executive Inspector General for the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, the Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for the Office of the Governor, Director of the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission. There were also representatives from the following agencies — Illinois Department of Insurance, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Office of the Governor, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Illinois Department on Aging, and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

I. Chair's Welcome

Acting Executive Inspector General (EIG) Susan Haling, Chair of the Task Force, welcomed the Task Force members and the speakers for the meeting. Members of the Task Force introduced themselves.

The minutes from the June 5, 2018, public meeting had previously been circulated to the Task Force via email. The Task Force members adopted the minutes.

II. Update Regarding Task Force Activities

Chair Acting EIG Haling gave an update for the Medicaid Working Group. She discussed the work to increase communication between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Office of Inspector General, the Department on Aging, and the Department of Human Services. Specifically, she discussed work being done to create a database of contractually terminated providers that could be shared among these agencies. Chair Acting EIG Haling also discussed meetings that took place with MCOs to discuss specific investigations and trends to assist the State and MCOs in identifying fraud schemes.

Chairman of the Illinois Worker's Compensation Commission Joann Fratianni provided an update of the Workers' Compensation Working Group. Chairman Fratianni discussed the speakers that presented at the Working Group meeting, including Regional Manager for Frasco Investigative Services Rick Cyr who discussed tools for investigating workers' compensation claims.

Deputy Director of Central Management Services Bureau of Benefits Teresa Flesch provided an update on the State Employees Group Insurance Working Group. Ms. Flesch informed the Task Force that the Higi machines completed 5,000 screenings in the first three

months. She reminded the Task Force that Higi machines are a wellness initiative of this Working Group and are machines placed at State facilities that measure blood pressure, pulse, body weight, Body Mass Index, and body fat percentage. Ms. Flesch also stated that one employee contacted CMS to thank them, stating the Higi machine saved her life by informing her that her blood pressure was in a critically dangerous zone and instructing her to seek immediate medical attention. Ms. Flesch said this employee went to the hospital and was admitted for early stages of a stroke.

III. Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Participation in the National Health Care Fraud Takedown

Assistant Bureau Chief for the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (ISP-MFCU) Elizabeth Lepic shared with the Task Force information about Illinois' participation in the multi-state, federally coordinated Health Care Fraud Takedown that occurred in June 2018. Ms. Lepic outlined the State and federal agencies that participated, fraud trends, and statistics regarding the takedown. For example, during the takedown ISP-MFCU indicted 14 individuals for submitting claims for services not performed. Ms. Lepic stated that these individuals were responsible for approximately \$430,000 in fraudulent claims.

IV. Health Care Worker Registry

Health Care Worker Registry Supervisor Allen Griffy and Office Coordinator Colleen Trader presented to the Task Force. This presentation focused on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry, including statutory requirements, the purpose of the Registry, and Registry functions. For example, the Illinois Department of Public Health speakers discussed background checks, disqualifying convictions, and employer responsibilities regarding the Registry.

V. Task Force Questions and Answers

The Task Force members engaged in a discussion about the Health Care Worker Registry.

VI. Public Comments and Questions

There were no public attendees at this meeting. Chair Acting EIG Haling thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.